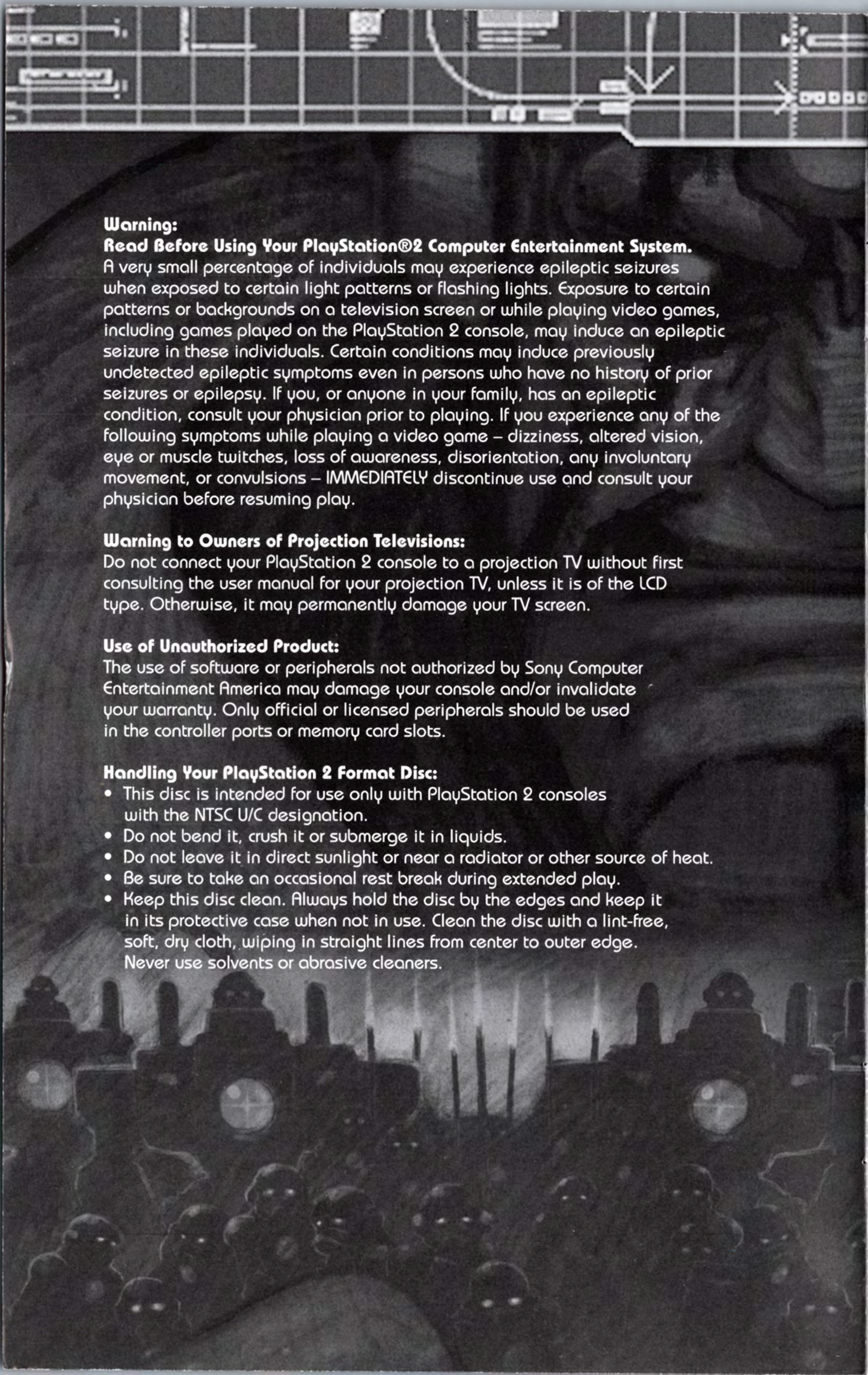


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GETTING STARTED

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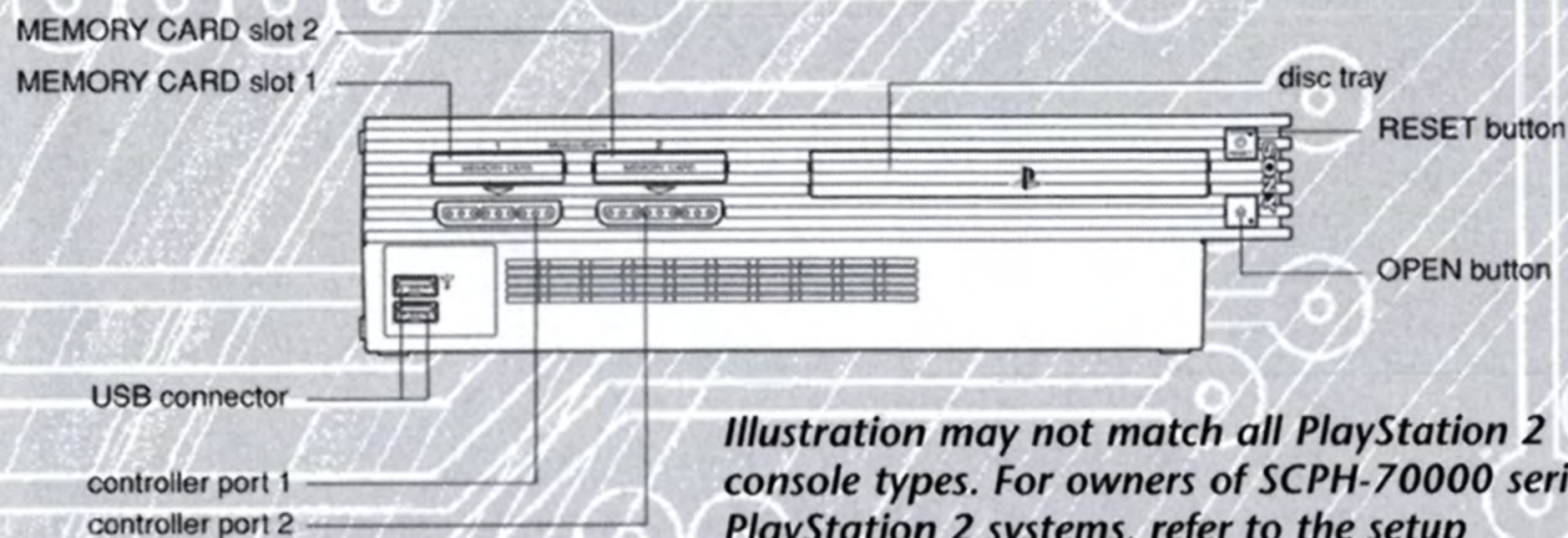


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Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned ON.

Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button and the disc tray will open. Place the MEGA MAN®X8 disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close.

Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

MEMORY CARD (8MB)(for PlayStation®2)

To save game settings and progress, insert a memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2) into MEMORY CARD slot 1 of your console. You can load saved game data from the same memory card or from any memory card containing previously saved games.

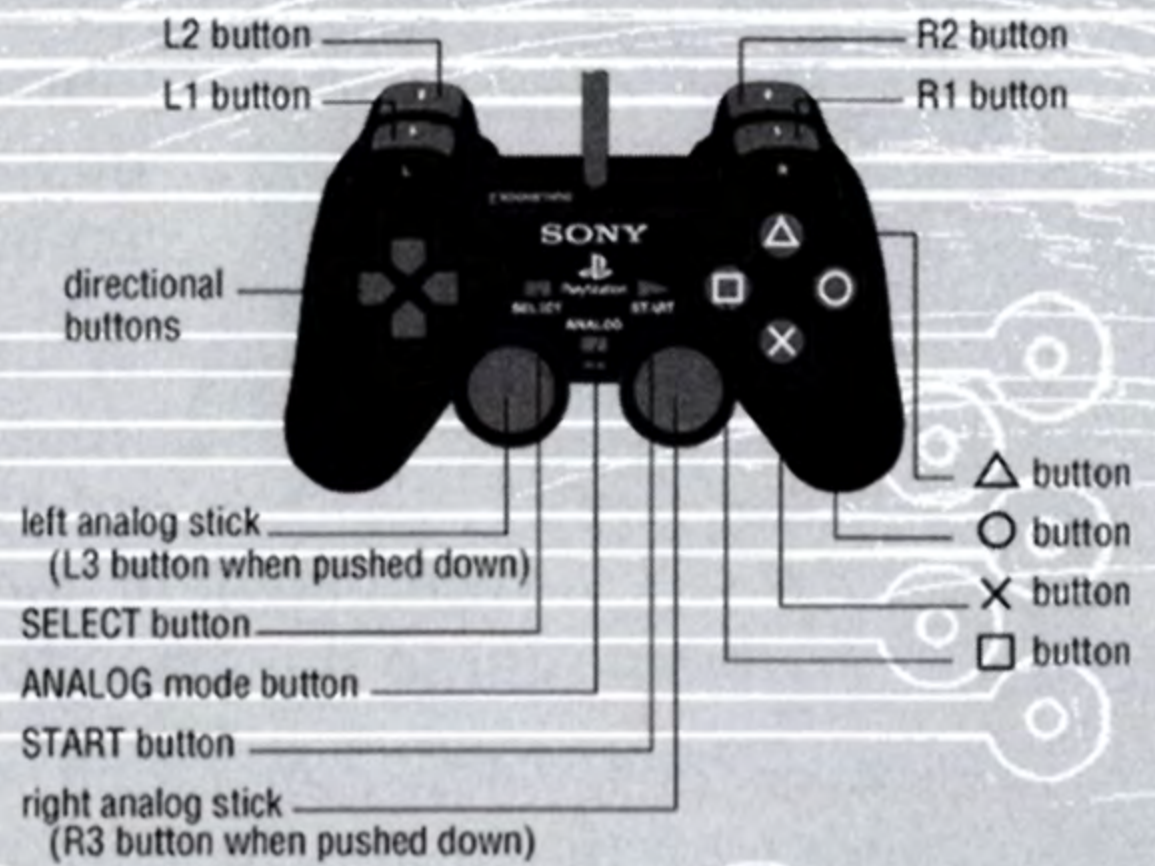
CONTROLS

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DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS

Before starting play, connect the DUALSHOCK®2 analog controller to controller port 1.

- You can change the button configuration and turn the controller's vibration function on/off in Option Mode.



DEFAULT CONTROLS

MENU NAVIGATION

left analog stick/directional buttons

- button
- × button

Cycle menu options

- Cancel
- Confirm

GAME ACTION

left analog stick/directional buttons

right analog stick

L1 / **R1** buttons

L1 + **R1**

L2 button

R2 button

Δ button

Move character

Switch Special Weapons

Switch Special Weapons

Un-equip Special Weapon

Change characters

Tag Assist

Cancel Transformation

Double Attack

Special Weapon Attack:

X — Special Weapon

ZERO — Learned Moves

AXL — Copy Shot

Dash

Normal Attack

Jump

Start game

Skip movie/cutscenes

Access Weapon Select screen

Access Chip R&D Lab from Hunter Base

○ button

□ button

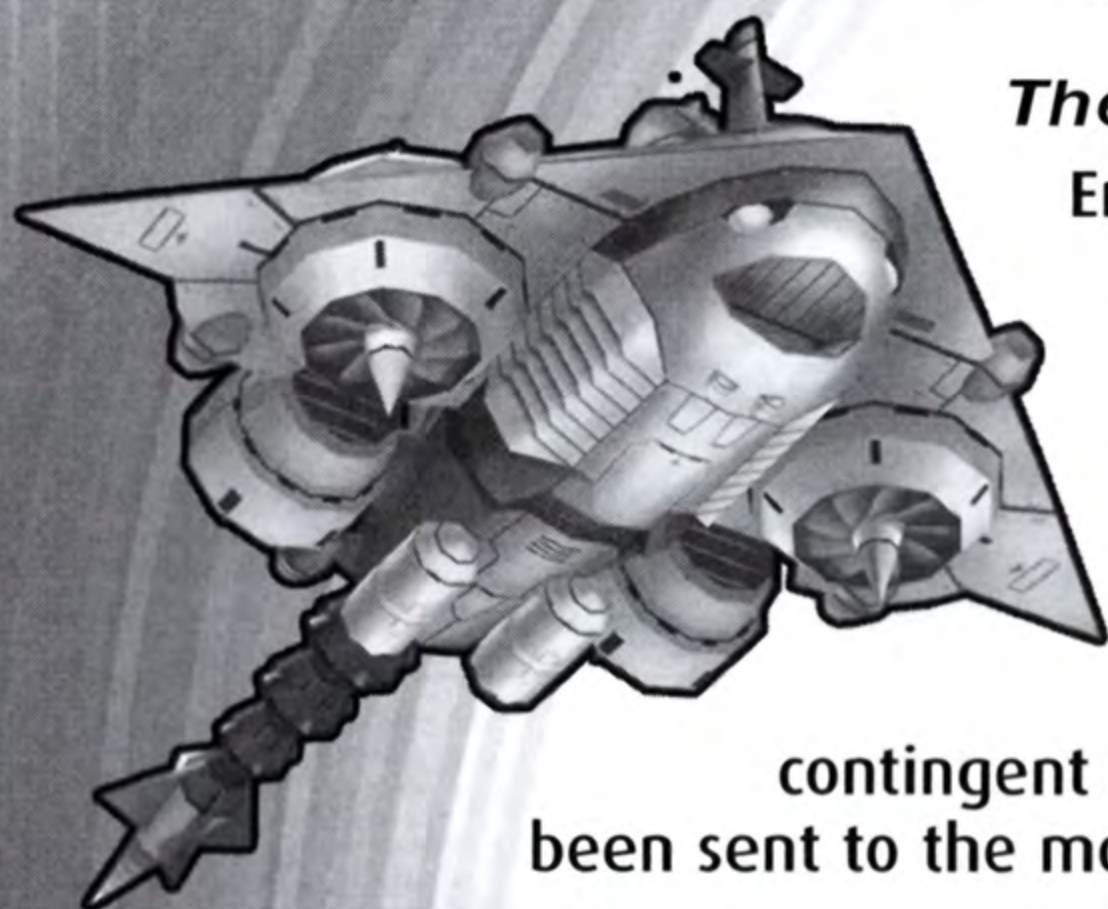
× button

▶ button
START

■ button
SELECT

THE DNA OF DANGER!

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The year is 21xx...

Endless turmoil between Humans and Reploids continues to wreak havoc on Earth, and Humankind has placed its hopes of survival on an exodus to space.

A full-fledged evacuation to the satellite moon has begun, thanks to the completion of "Jakob," a giant rail elevator. A large contingent of "new generation" Reploids has already been sent to the moon to construct a base.

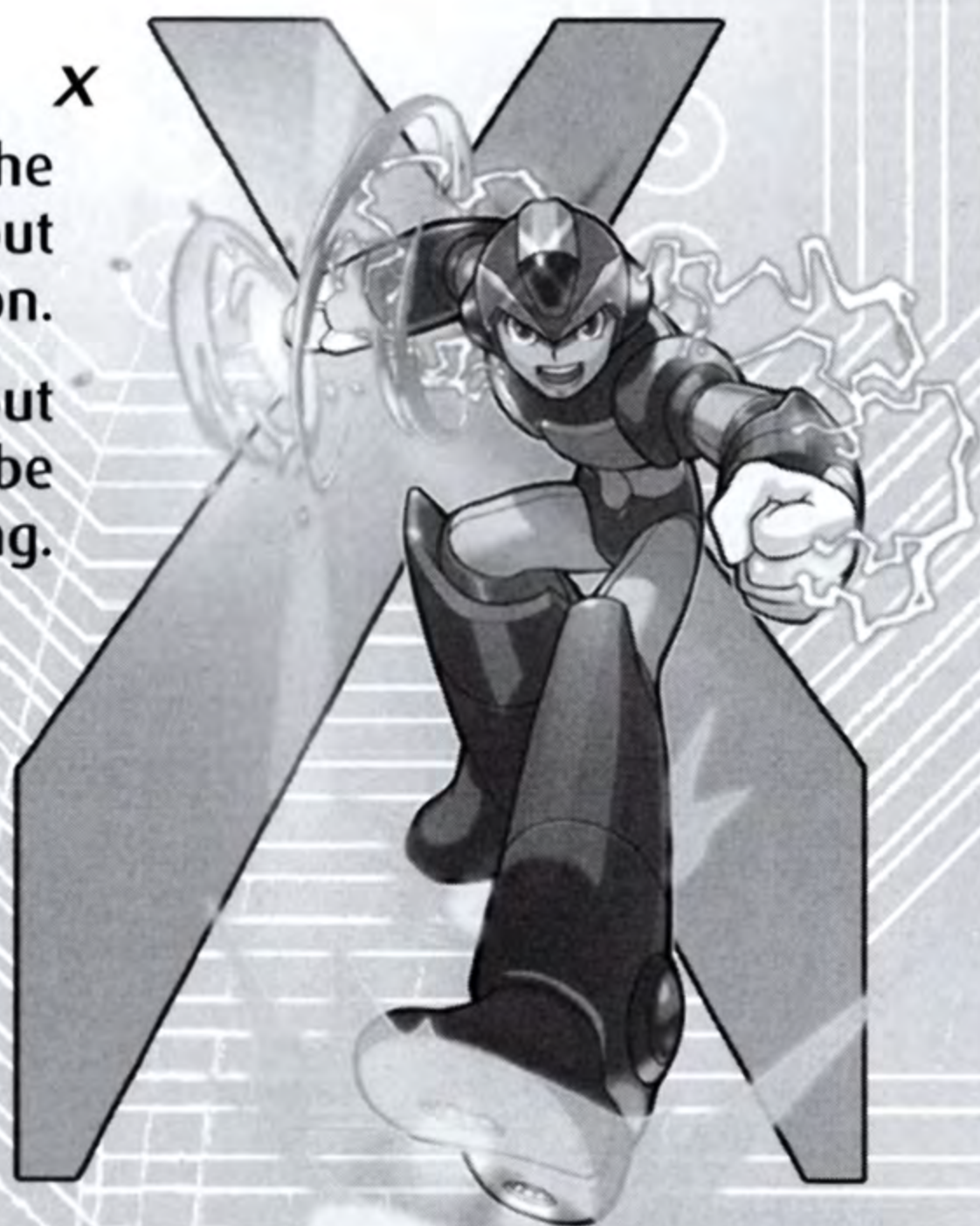
However these "new generation" Reploids, capable of transforming into anyone else with the right DNA, pose a secret threat, as they have copied some very dangerous DNA — the DNA of Sigma, thought to have been previously destroyed.

Reploid revolts are springing up all over. X, along with Zero and Axl, heads to space on a mission to investigate — and squelch, if possible — this extremely hazardous situation.

Former leader of the 17th Unit. X is the strong-willed Maverick Hunter who put an end to the Maverick rebellion.

At the same time, he has doubts about the stability of peace that can only be obtained through fighting.

X



ZERO

Former leader of the Zero Unit, this highly-skilled Special Class A Hunter has worked together with X to solve many problems. Unlike X, he tackles any mission thrown his way with a clear mind.



CHARACTERS

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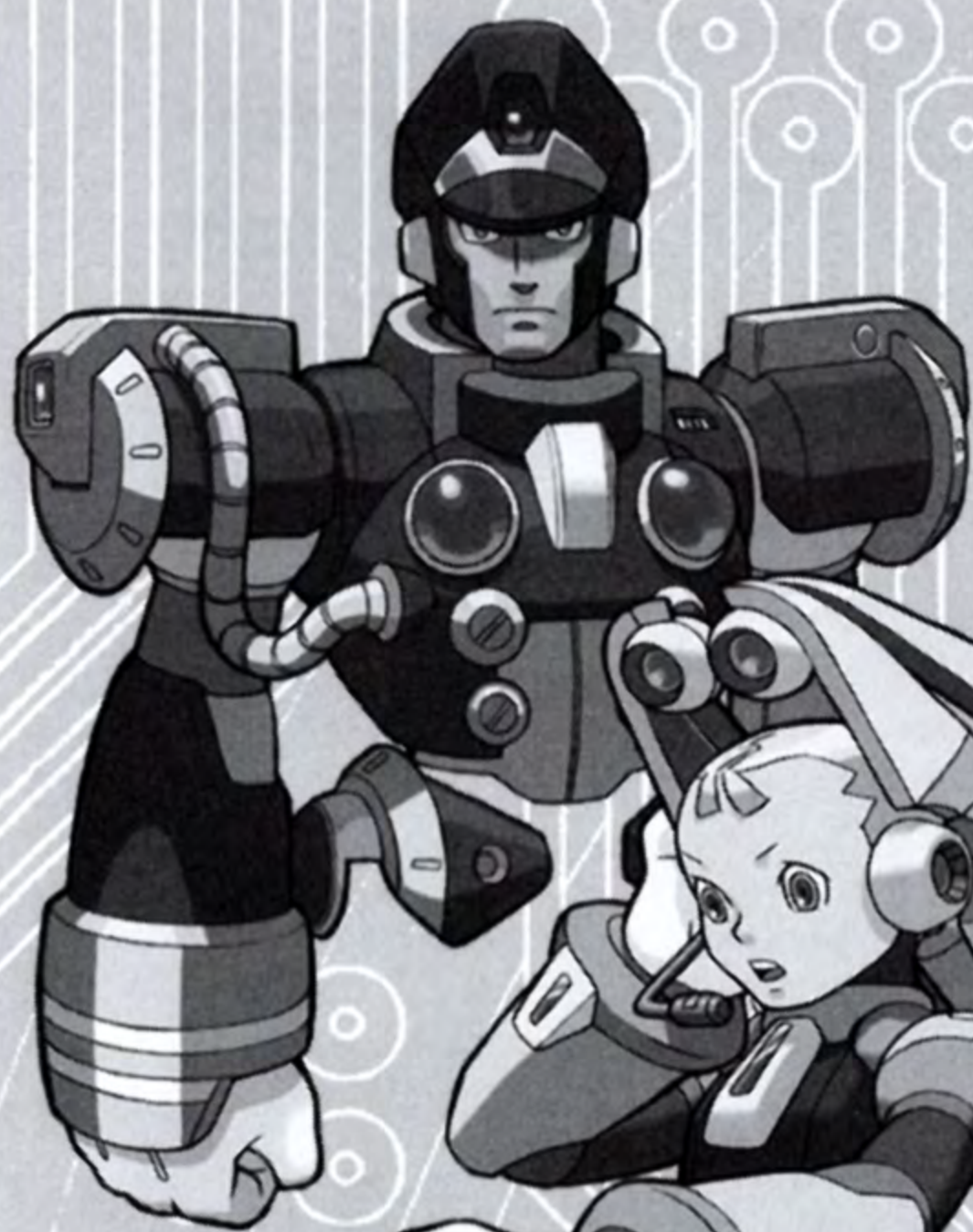
AXL

Prototype new generation Reploid who left the vigilante group Red Alert to become a Maverick Hunter. He has the unique special ability of being able to mimic a person's looks and skills.



SIGNAS

Commander of the Maverick Hunters. He has the most advanced CPU processor of all current Reploids.

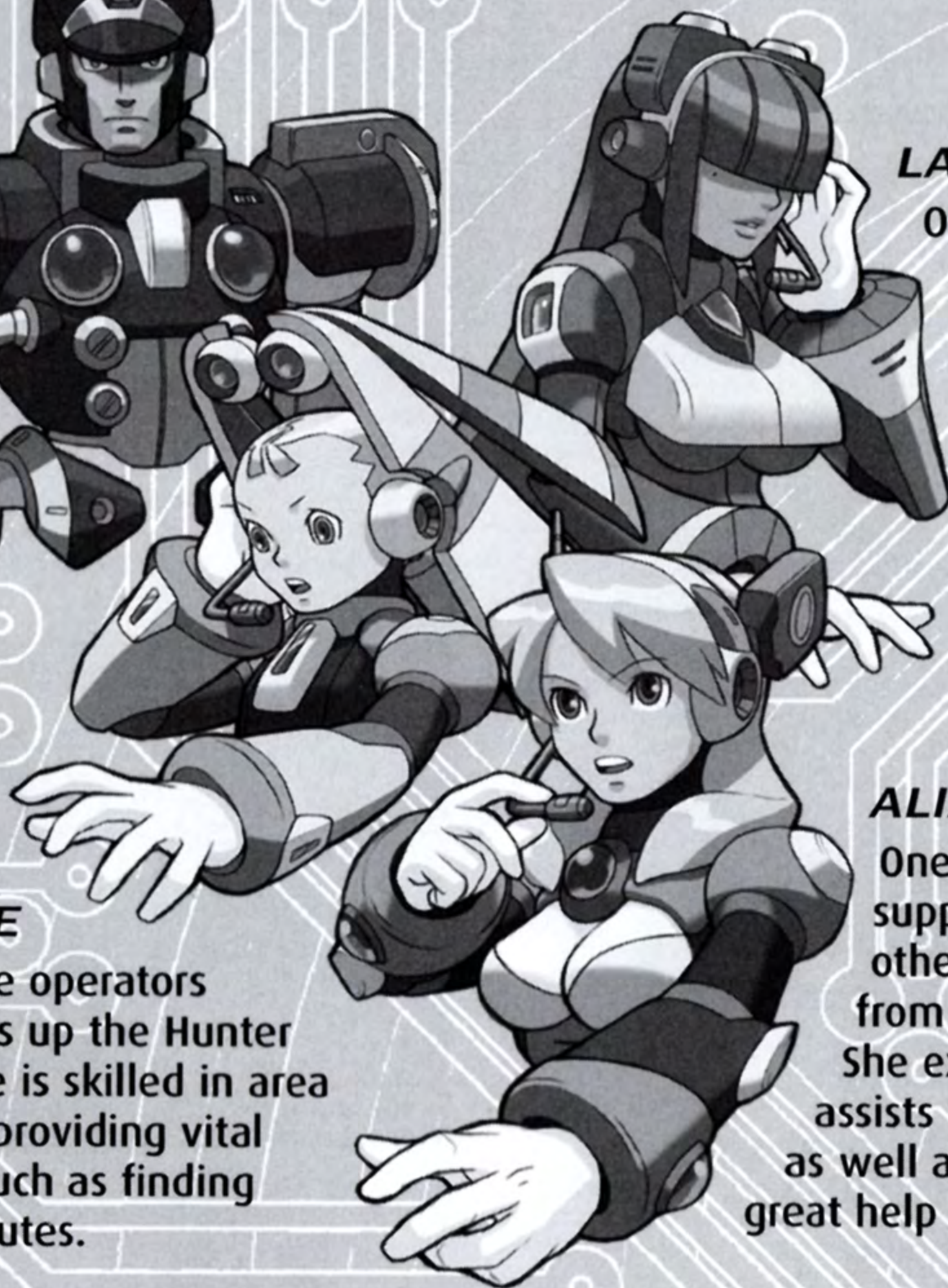


LAYER

Operator supporting the Hunter Team. Her strength is battle analysis, and she excels in figuring out the enemy's weak points.

PALLETTE

One of the operators who backs up the Hunter Team. She is skilled in area analysis, providing vital support such as finding hidden routes.






ALIA

One of the operators supporting X and the other Maverick Hunters from behind the scenes. She excels in analysis and assists with battle status, as well as proving to be a great help in solving problems.

STARTING A NEW GAME

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MODE SELECT SCREEN

Press the  button on the Title screen to bring up the Mode Select screen. Use the left analog stick or directional buttons to cycle through the options. Press the  or  button to make your selections.

- **GAME START** — Start a new game from the beginning. Select a difficulty level and begin from the opening movie.
- **LOAD/CONTINUE** — Resume a previously saved game, starting from the point where the game was saved. (See page 9.)
- **OPTIONS** — Adjust various game settings. (See page 9.)



GAME FLOW

HUNTER BASE

Select a stage to complete, the characters you want to take along, and the Navigator you want to use. (See page 7.)



CHIP R&D LAB

Develop Power Chips, manage save data, change options, and more. (See page 8.)



STAGE/MISSION

Clear the stage.

HUNTER BASE

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At Hunter Base you select the stage you want to tackle next, the characters you'll take along, and which Navigator you'll trust to back you up.



STAGE SELECT

Highlight the stage you want to attempt and press the **X** button.

PLAYER SELECT

Select two characters to play through the stage and press the **X** button.

- **TRADING OUT ARMOR POWER-UPS** — Selecting Neutral Armor allows you to trade out armor power-ups. Highlight the part you want to change and press the **X** button. (See page 17.)

NAVI SELECT

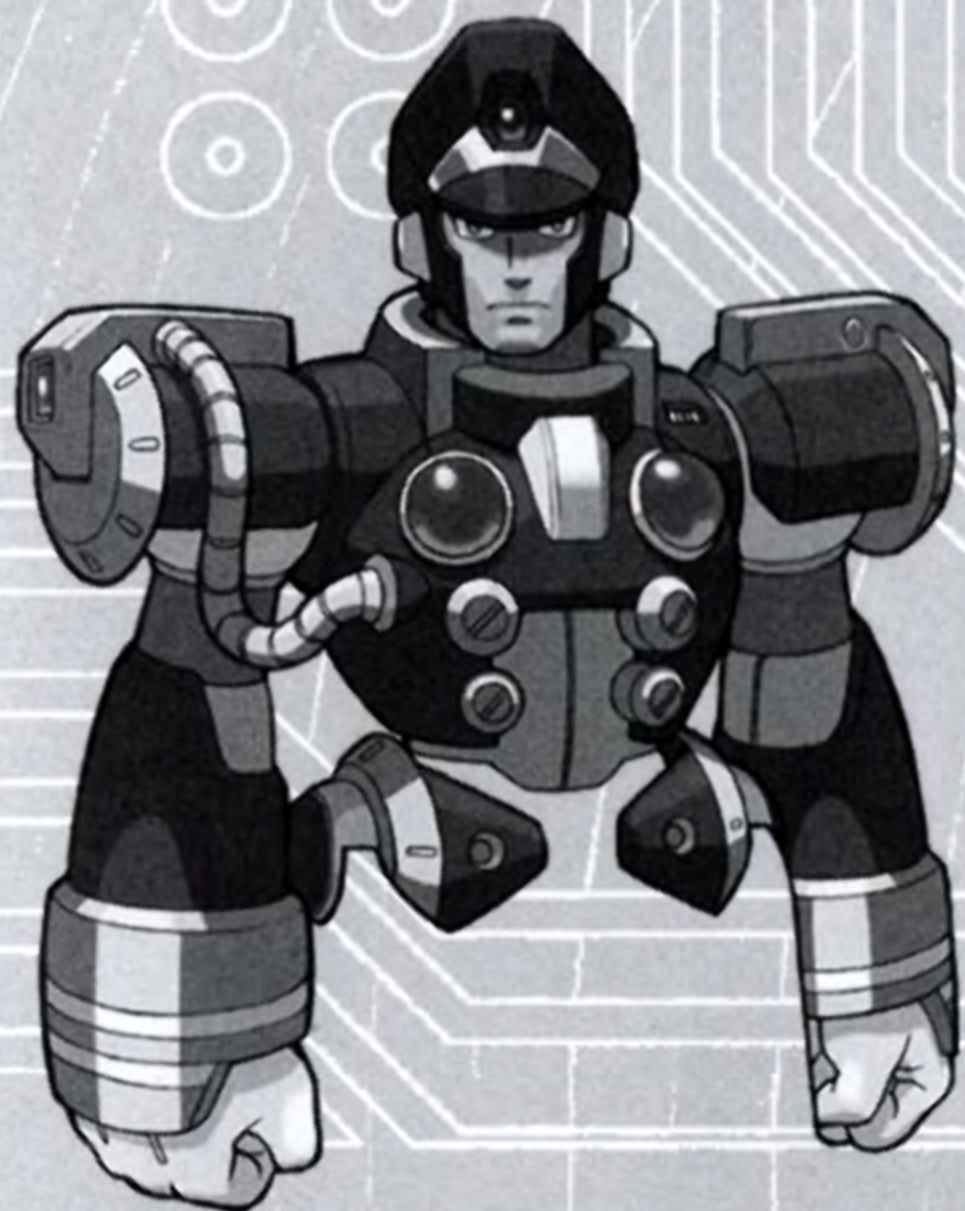
Select the Navigator you want to help you through the stage and press the **X** button.

- **ALIA** — Gives the best advice on beating stages.
- **LAYER** — Expert at analyzing boss weak points, etc.
- **PALLETTE** — Has a knack for discovering secret routes.




EMERGENCY MISSIONS?

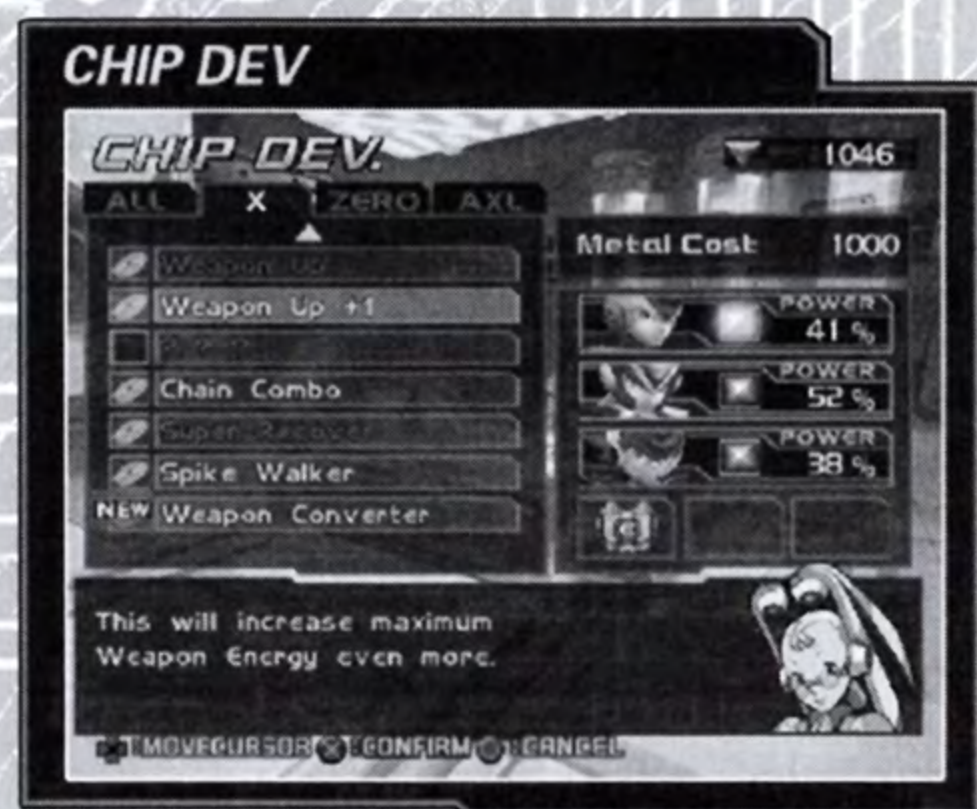
A Maverick Hunter does more than just fight Mavericks. Sometimes an emergency or top-secret mission will come your way. You have to be ready for anything. Expect the unexpected!




CHIP R&D LAB

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Here in the lab you can use the Metals obtained on different missions to create Power Chips, save your game, and change game options. Press the  button in Hunter Base to transport to the lab.



CHIP DEV

This allows you to develop Power Chips that boost your characters' abilities. Highlight a Chip to develop and press the  button. Acquiring Rare Metals (see page 17) and fulfilling certain requirements generates even more types of Power Chips you can create.

Read about some examples below, and find even more Chips in the game!

- **ALL (green)** — These Power Chips boost any player character's abilities.
Example: Life Half Bottle restores a small amount of Life Energy.
- **X (blue)** — These Power Chips boost X's abilities.
Example: Life Up increases X's max Life Energy Gauge.
- **ZERO (orange)** — These Power Chips boost Zero's abilities.
Example: Saber Skill+1 increases the number of attacks with Z Saber.
- **AXL (purple)** — These Power Chips boost Axl's abilities.
Example: Super Recover enhances the effect of Recovery items.

**ALSO AVAILABLE
IN THE CHIP R&D LAB...**

STAGE SELECT

Return to Hunter Base.

RECORDS

View your game records, including your highest ranks for each stage and your overall game score, which determines your Hunter Ranking.



SAVE

Save your game data and progress to a memory card. On the Save screen, select the location to save to and press the **X** button. You must have a memory card in MEMORY CARD slot 1 with at least 110KB of free space in order to save data. Up to five games can be saved on a single memory card.

LOAD

Load saved game data from a memory card and resume play at the point where the game was saved. On the Load screen, select the file to load and press the **X** button. A memory card containing saved *MEGA MAN X8* game data must be inserted in MEMORY CARD slot 1 in order to load game data.

- Do not remove the memory card, reset the game or turn off power to the system while data is being saved or loaded. Doing so could destroy your game data.

OPTIONS

Adjust various game settings. Press the left analog stick or directional buttons **↑** / **↓** to cycle through the options, and **←** / **→** to change the settings.

SYSTEM

- **VIBRATION** — Turn the controller's vibration function on/off.
- **SUBTITLES** — Turn subtitles on/off.
- **COLOR SETTING** — Use the color bars to adjust the color setting on your TV.
- **SCREEN POSITION** — Center the game screen on your TV screen.

SOUND

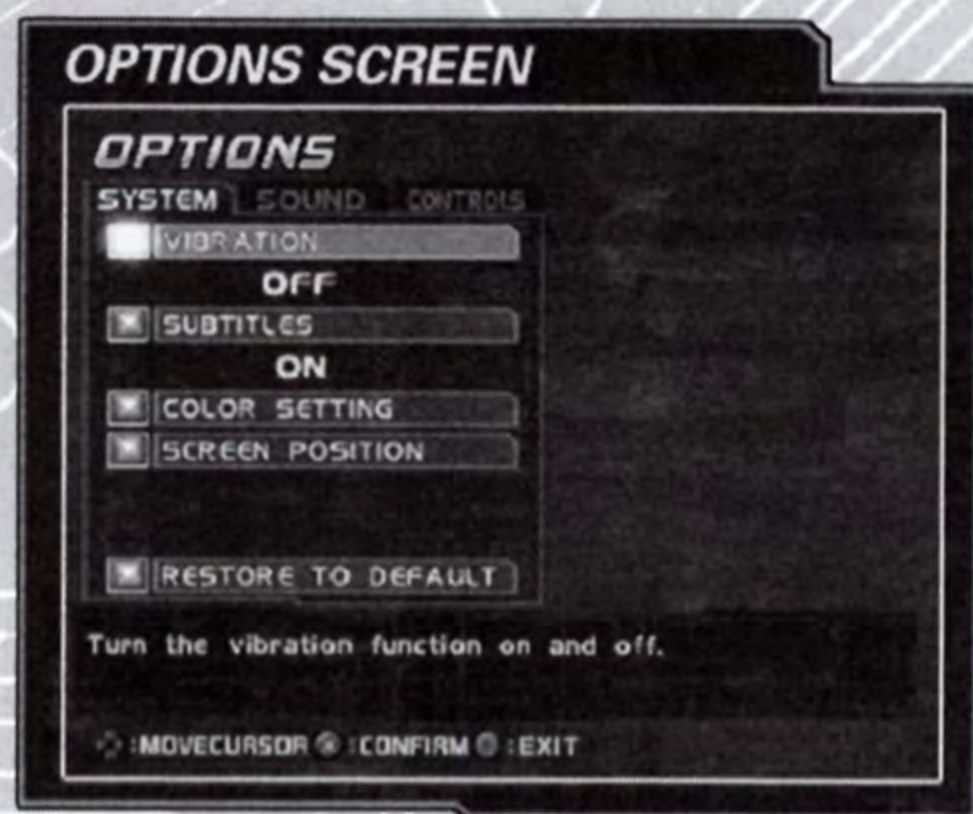
- **SOUND MODE** — Select **STEREO**, **MONO** or **DOLBY® PRO LOGIC® II**. (This game is presented in Dolby® Pro Logic® II. Connect your PlayStation 2 console to a sound system with Dolby Pro Logic, Dolby Pro Logic II, or Dolby Pro Logic IIx decoding to experience the excitement of surround sound.)
- **BGM VOLUME** — Adjust the volume of in-game background music.
- **SE VOLUME** — Adjust the volume of in-game sound effects.

CONTROLS

- Reconfigure the controller's button assignments. Highlight the command you want to change and press the controller button you want to assign to that function.

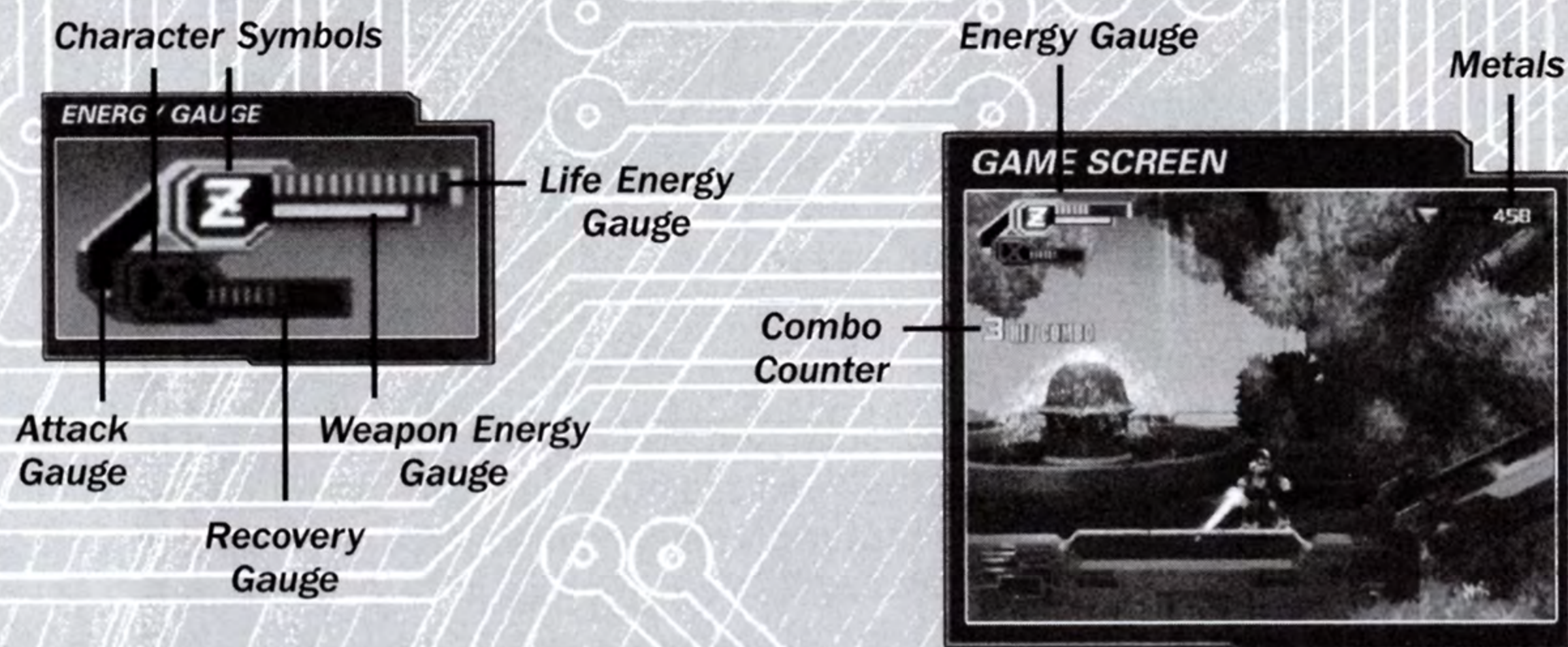
DEFAULTS

- **RESTORE TO DEFAULT** — Restore the game's original settings.



GAME SCREEN


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ENERGY GAUGES

- **CHARACTER SYMBOLS** — Display a symbol for each character. When the controlled character has a Special Weapon equipped, its icon appears here.
- **LIFE ENERGY GAUGE** — Shows the character's remaining life energy.
- **WEAPON ENERGY GAUGE** — Shows the remaining energy for the weapon currently equipped.
- **ATTACK GAUGE** — Fill this up by attacking enemies. When it's full, you can perform a "Double Attack." (See page 14.)
- **RECOVERY GAUGE** — Refills as the character is left on standby. The more enemies the character defeated, the shorter the recovery time. (See page 14.)

OTHER INDICATORS

- **METALS** — Shows your total number of Metals.
- **COMBO COUNTER** — Number increases as you string together successive attacks. (See page 20.)
- **COMM MARK** — (not shown) When you see this mark, you have an incoming message from your Navigator. Press the  button to view the transmission.


RETRY SCREEN

If both characters' Life Energy Gauges drop to zero, or the character under your control gets defeated, you go to the Retry screen where your options are:

- **RETRY** — Use a Retry Chip to restart from the middle of a stage. Each difficulty mode has a different way of continuing.
 - **EASY:** Retry as many times as you want, without using Retry Chips.
 - **NORMAL:** You can hold up to five Retry Chips at once. Of these, at least three must be made at the Chip R&D Lab.
 - **HARD:** You can hold up to three Retry Chips at once. All of them must be made at the Chip R&D Lab.
- **R&D LAB** — Return to the Chip R&D Lab.
- **TITLE SCREEN** — Return to the Title screen.



WEAPON SELECTION

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Press the  button during the game to open the Weapon Select screen.

WEAPON SCREEN

By defeating certain bosses, you can obtain Special Weapons and other Learned Moves, as follows:


- **WHEN USING X** — Equip Special Weapons. Highlight the weapon you want to equip and press the  button.
- **WHEN USING ZERO** — View command explanations for the selected Learned Move.
- **WHEN USING AXL** — Equip Special Weapons. Highlight the weapon you want to equip and press the  button.



TRANSFORMING

Once you acquire DNA Cores (see page 17), the *COPY SHOT* command switches to *TRANSFORM*. Select this command to transform.

ITEM SCREEN

Use any subtanks, bottles, or any other Recovery items you have. Select the character you want to heal and press the  button. After you develop some Power Chips, you can use them here as well.

- **X** — Show Armor Power-Ups in X's possession. (See page 17.)
- **ZERO** — Change equipped weapon, selecting from the Zero-only weapons you have. You can use these weapons after developing Power Chips.



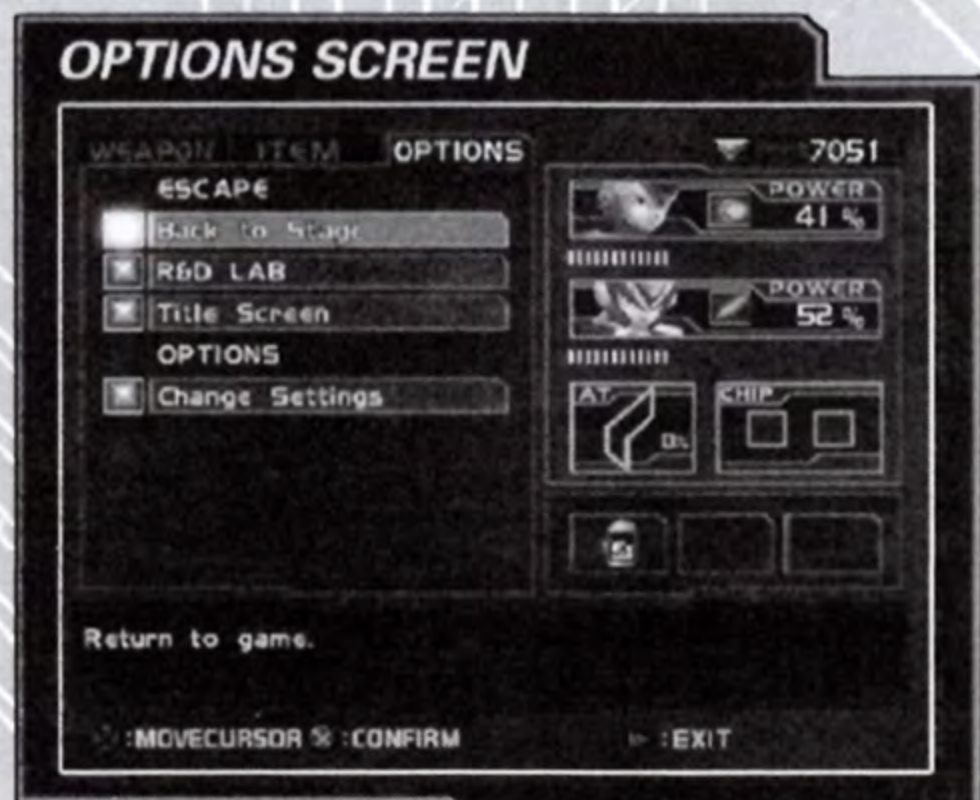
OPTIONS SCREEN

ESCAPE

- **BACK TO STAGE** — Exit back to the stage.
- **R&D LAB** — Go to the Chip R&D Lab.
- **TITLE SCREEN** — Exit the game and return to the Title screen.

OPTIONS

- **CHANGE SETTINGS** — Adjust various settings.



BASIC ACTIONS

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











These actions are the basis of your repertoire. You'll have different moves while on the Ride Armor and Ride Chaser. All controls shown are defaults.

NORMAL ATTACKS

- **X BUSTER** — Hold the  button to charge up, and release it to fire a Charge Shot. The longer you hold down the button, the more powerful the shot will be.
- **Z SABER** — Time your pressing of the  button just right to string together a Combo.
- **AXL BULLETS** — Hold down the  button to fire multiple shots. Use the left analog stick or directional buttons to aim your attacks.



OTHER BASIC ACTIONS

- **JUMP** — Press the  button to jump. To jump higher, hold the button down longer.
- **WALL KICK** — Hold the left analog stick or directional buttons toward a wall and press the  button.
- **DASH** — While on the ground, press the  button or press the left analog stick or directional buttons   or   to dash in that direction.
- **AIR DASH** — While jumping, press the  button or press the left analog stick or directional buttons   or   to dash in the air.
- **DASH JUMP** — Jump even further by pressing the  button while dashing.

CRACKING — BUST THROUGH THE ENEMY'S GUARD!

In your adventures, you may come across enemies that can deflect your attacks with a Reflect. However, with certain attacks you can break through this guard.

- **X** — Maximum Charge Shot.
- **ZERO** — 3rd Step in Combo Slash.
- **AXL** — 8th shot in string of shots.

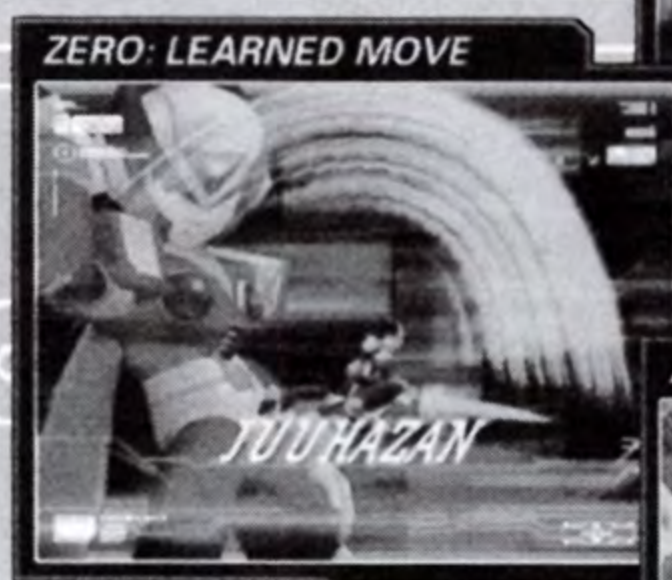
There are other ways to break through the Reflect. Figure them out!



SPECIAL WEAPONS & LEARNED MOVES

By defeating certain boss enemies, you can acquire Special Weapons and Learned Moves. Cycle through your Special Weapons during a stage by pressing the **L1**/**R1** buttons or by moving the right analog stick. You can also change weapons on the Weapon Select screen. All controls shown are defaults.

- **X'S SPECIAL WEAPONS** — Press the **△** button. Using a Special Weapon consumes energy from your Weapon Energy Gauge.
- **ZERO'S LEARNED MOVES** — Entering a certain command allows you to perform a special critical move. View commands on the Weapon Select screen.
- **AXL'S SPECIAL WEAPONS** — Press with the **■** button. Using Special Weapons does not consume energy from your Weapon Energy Gauge.



ZERO

- **DOUBLE JUMP** — Press the **×** button again while jumping to jump even higher.

AXL

- **COPY SHOT** — Fire a Copy Shot by pressing the **△** button. Defeating certain enemies with a Copy Shot gives you a DNA Core. (See page 17.)
- **CANCEL TRANSFORMATION** — A Transformation is canceled when you run out of Weapon Energy, press the **L2** button during a stage, or select **TRANSFORMATION** from the Weapon Select screen.
- **HOVER** — Press the **×** button while jumping to hover. While hovering, you can press the **■** button plus the left analog stick or directional buttons to attack in all eight directions.
- **ROLL** — Roll on the ground by pressing the **○** button and the left analog stick or directional buttons **↓**. This allows you to dodge enemy attacks, etc.

CO-OP ACTION

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By having both characters cooperate, you can pull off a lot of cool moves. Characters can work together as long as the character on standby has some life left in his Life Energy Gauge. All controls shown are defaults.

CHANGE CHARACTERS

Press the **L2** button to switch control to the character on standby. While on standby, a character's Recovery Gauge refills automatically, with the recovery time getting shorter as the character defeats more enemies.

TAG ASSIST

If you are grabbed by an enemy and paralyzed, press the **L2** button to call the character on standby for help. After the trapped character is rescued, control automatically switches to the character that came from standby to do the rescue.



DOUBLE ATTACK

When your Attack Gauge fills up, press the **R2** button to unleash a shockwave. If this shockwave hits an enemy, a Double Attack commences that damages all enemies on screen.



REVIVE GAUGE

When a character's Life Energy Gauge is completely drained, the Attack Gauge turns blue. When this happens, if you defeat enemies and fill up the blue gauge all the way, the player that was knocked out will be revived while the Attack Gauge resets to normal.

FINISHING A MISSION

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Once you finish a mission, you'll go on to these screens.

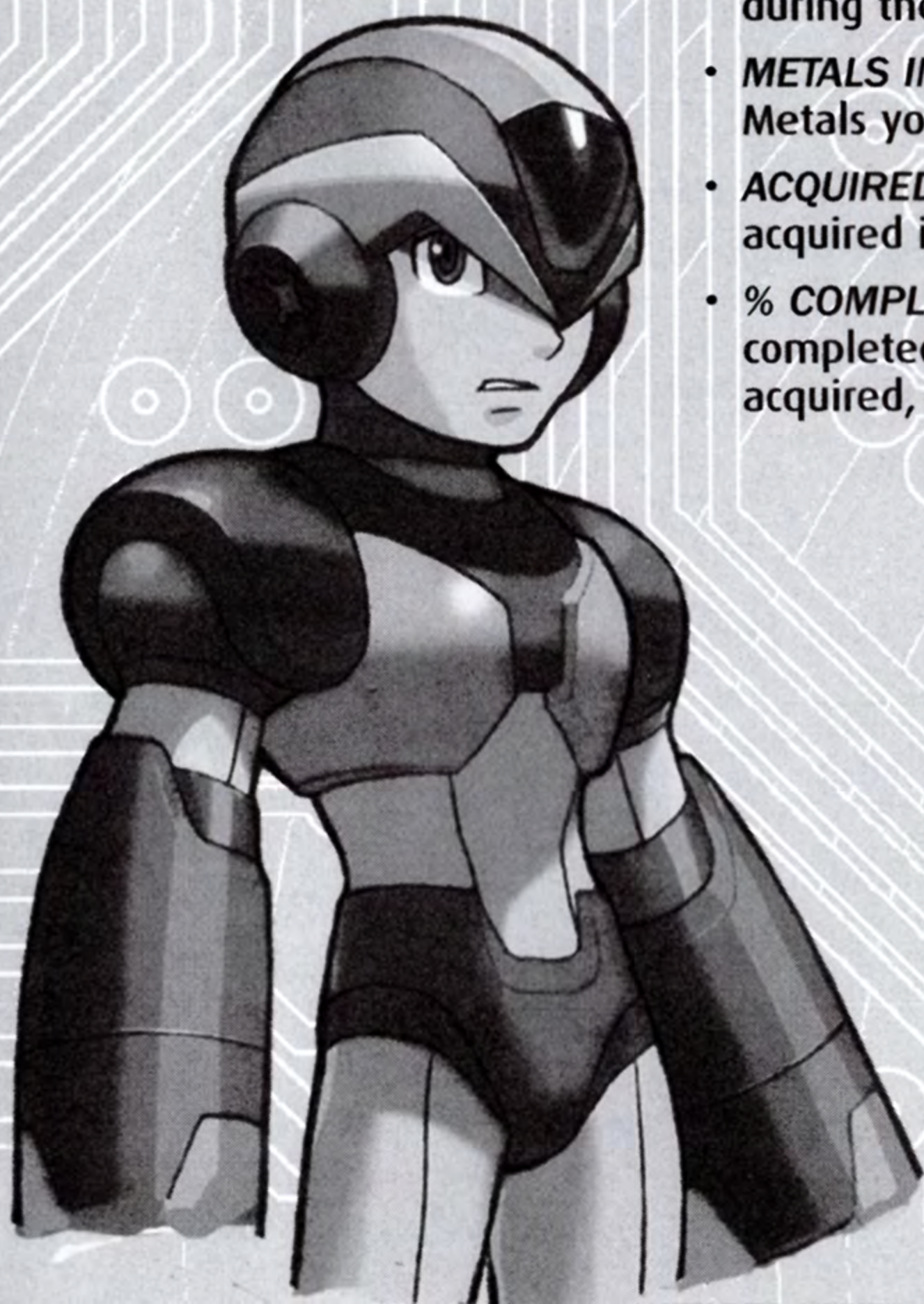
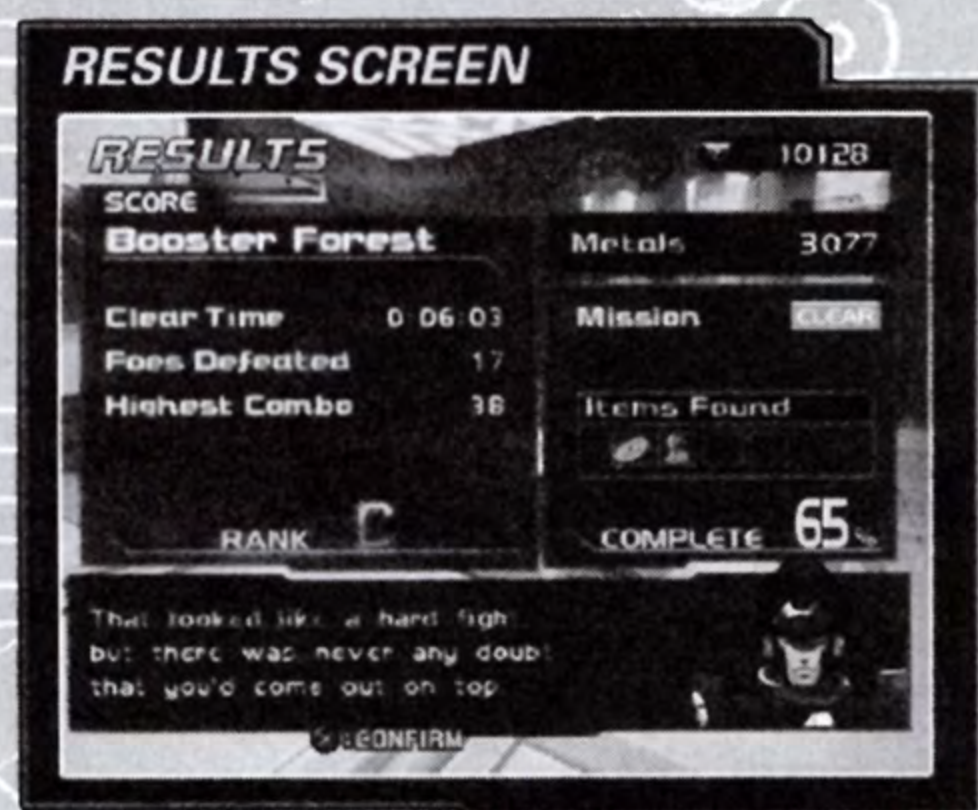
WEAPON GET

You will see this screen when you defeat certain boss characters. Here you can view the Special Weapons and/or Learned Moves each of the characters acquired during the mission.

RESULTS SCREEN

You will always see this screen when you are taken from a stage back to the Chip R&D Lab. Here you can check your rating for the stage and view any items you acquired. On this screen you'll see:

- **STAGE NAME** — Name of the stage you just played.
- **STAGE HISTORY** — Records your **CLEAR TIME** (time taken to complete the stage), **COMBO COUNT** (highest Combo Count achieved in the stage) and **ENEMY COUNT** (total number of enemies defeated in the stage).
- **STAGE RANK** — Ranking of your performance during the stage, from AAA to D (six levels in all).
- **METALS IN YOUR POSSESSION** — Total number of Metals you have.
- **ACQUIRED METALS** — Number of Metals you acquired in the stage.
- **% COMPLETED** — Percentage of the stage you completed, including events, scenes, items acquired, etc.



RIDE CONTROLS

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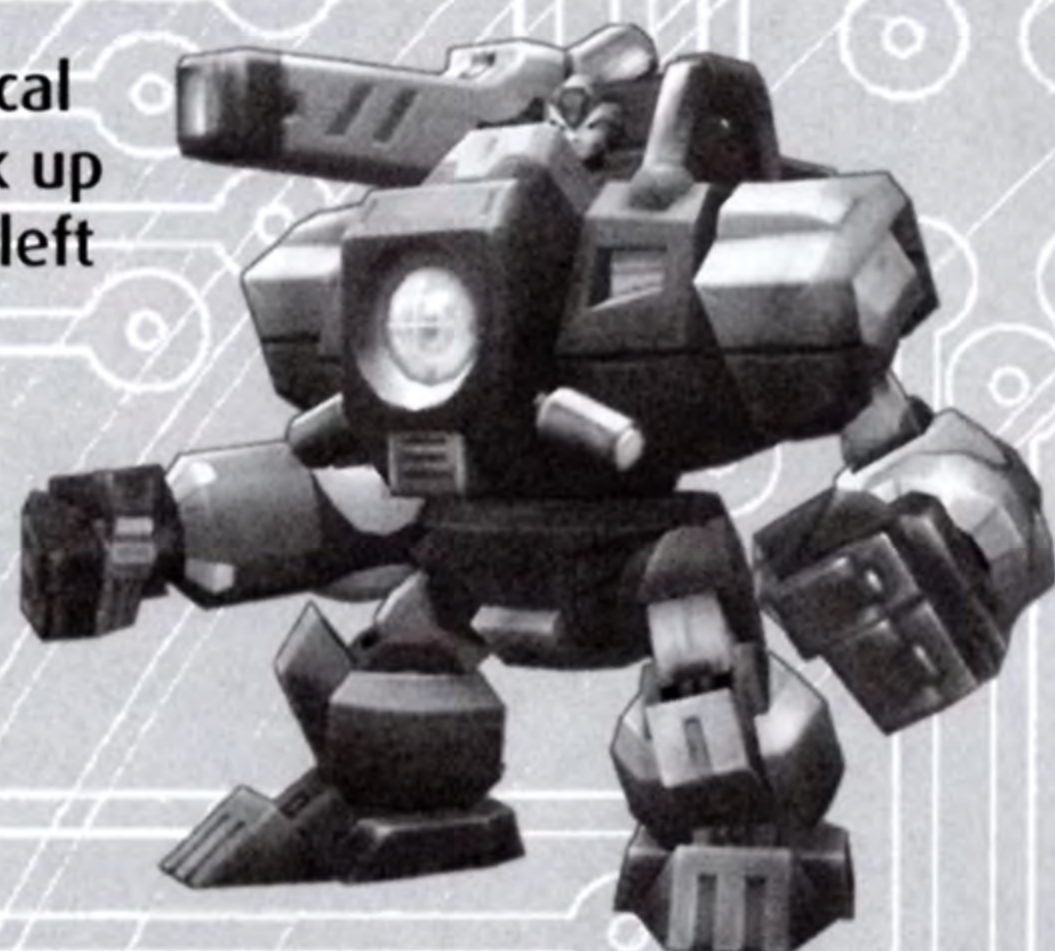
On certain stages you can use Ride Armor (Cyclops) or Ride Chaser (Sirius/Barius). All controls shown are defaults.

CYCLOPS

This Ride Armor was made to overcome electrical accidents/hazards at large-scale facilities. Walk up to the Cyclops to get in. Press the **X** button + left analog stick/directional buttons **↑** to get off.

- **□** button — Giga Blow Attack. Hold the button for multiple punches.
- **○** button — Dash. Press the button while dashing for a Dash Punch.
- **△** button — Super Electro-Magnetic Napalm. Fire a shot that temporarily freezes an enemy.
- **X** button — Jump. Stomp on an enemy.

You cannot use Co-Op Moves or Special Weapons while riding Cyclops, and your Recovery Gauge doesn't refill.

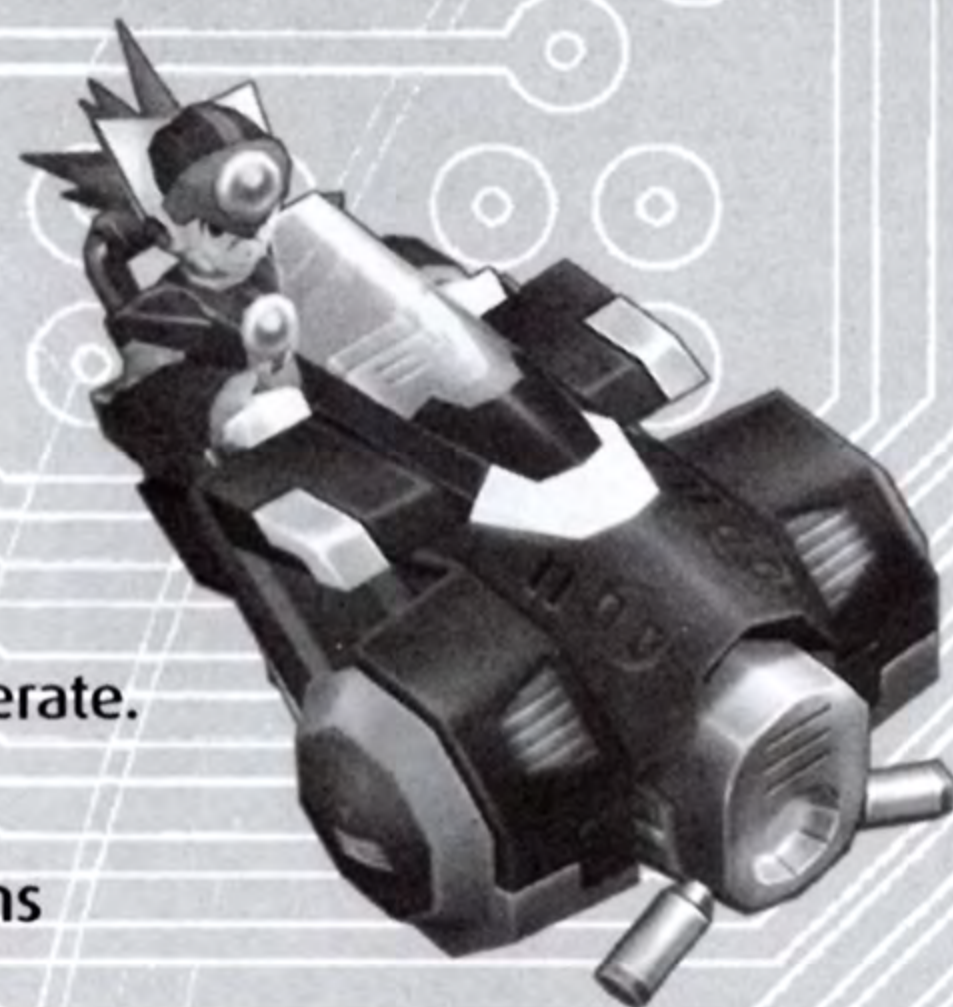


SIRIUS

Small Ride Chaser was designed for flying around in small, narrow spaces.

- **□** button — Shot. Fire a shot.
- **○** button — Jet Boost. Combine with **←/→** to fly at high speeds.
- **△** button — Boost. Use Weapon Energy to accelerate.
- **X** button — Brake. Slow down temporarily.

You cannot use Double Attacks or Special Weapons while riding Sirius.

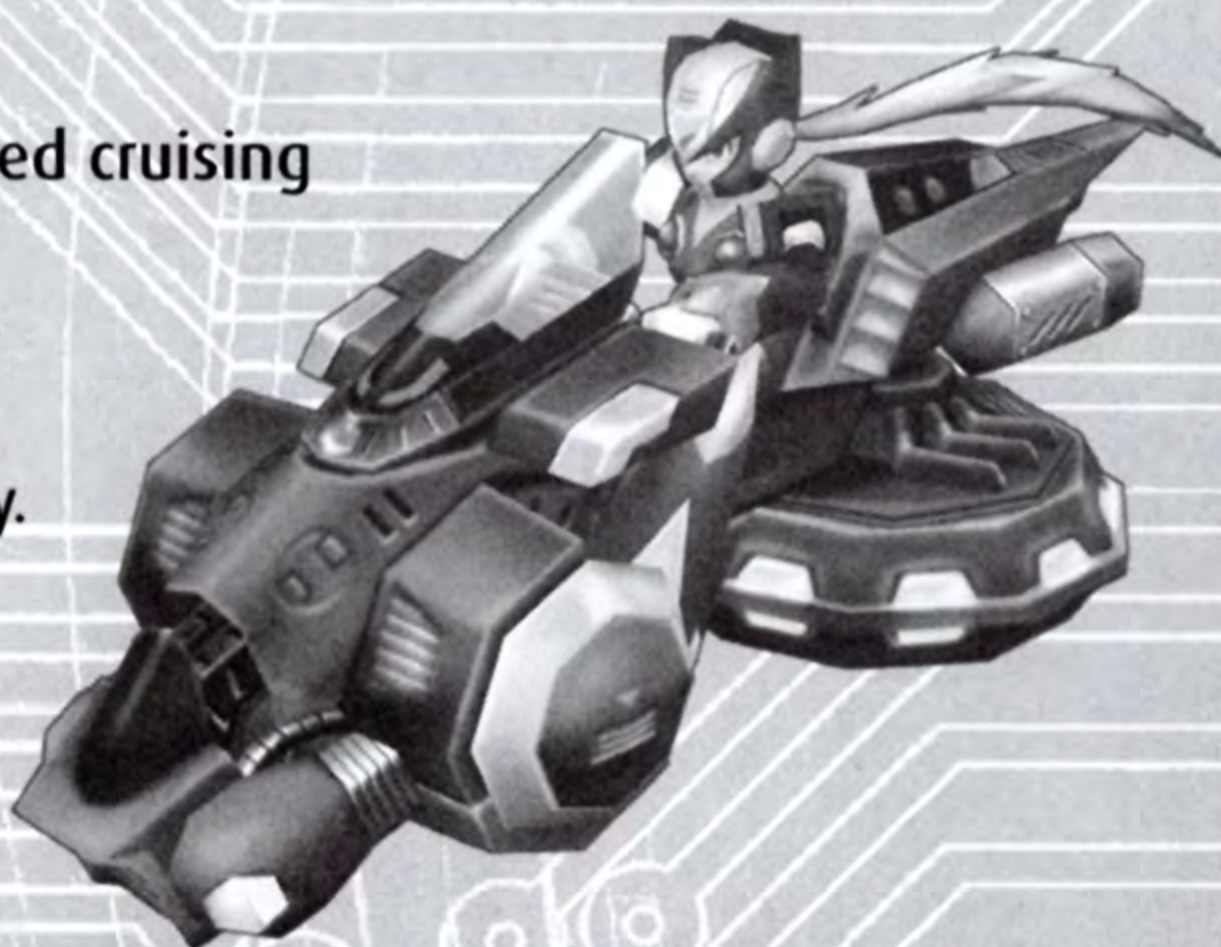


BARIUS

This Ride Chaser is designed for high-speed cruising at ground level.

- **□** button — Shot. X fires a Charge Shot; Zero fires a Spread Shot; Axl rapid-fires.
- **○** button — Dash. Speed up temporarily.
- **X** button — Brake. Slow down temporarily.

You cannot use Double Attacks or Special Weapons while riding Barius.



LIFE ENERGY

This is found in different sizes and restores your character's life in small, medium, and large amounts, as well as full recovery, depending on the item.

LIFE ENERGY



WEAPON ENERGY

Found in three sizes, it restores your character's Weapon Energy.

WEAPON ENERGY



METAL

Energy ore necessary for creating Power Chips.

METAL



RARE METAL

Energy ore that holds special powers. Find this to create Power Chips with special powers. One unique Rare Metal has a surprising effect!

RARE METAL



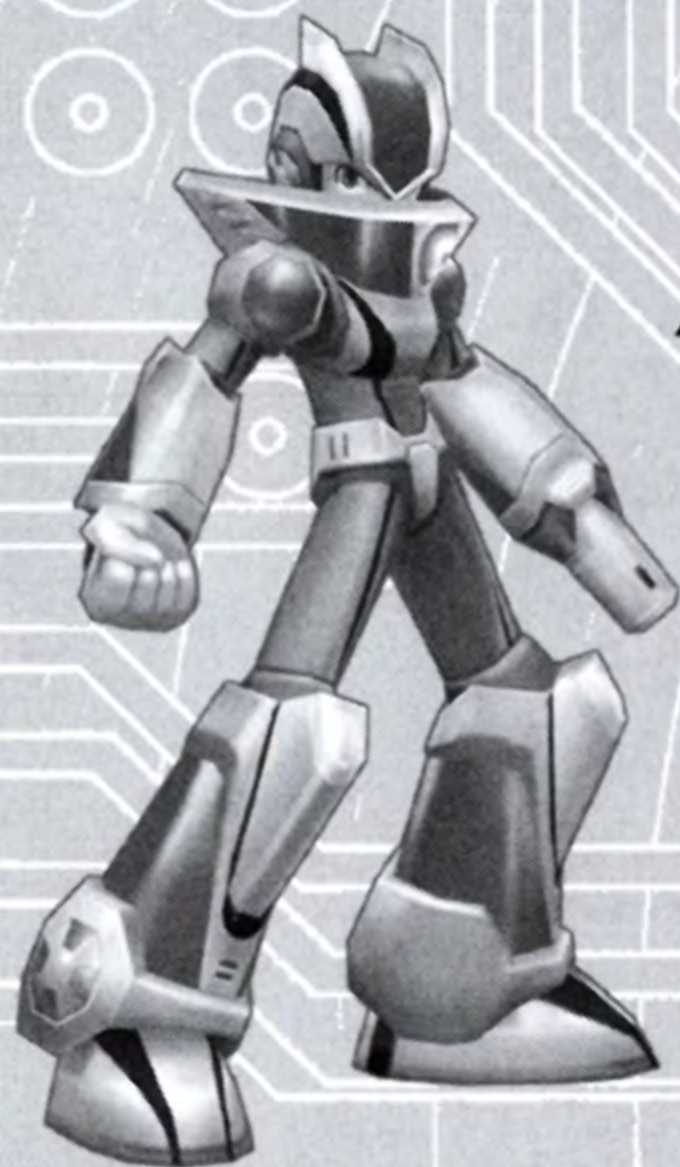
ZERO'S SPECIAL RARE METAL



DNA CORE

Obtain this by defeating certain enemies with Axl's Copy Shot. Using this allows you to temporarily transform and use the abilities of that enemy.

DNA CORE



ARMOR POWER-UPS

Obtain these for X by entering Light Capsules hidden in the game. Attach them to Neutral Armor to boost its abilities

- **NEUTRAL ARMOR** — Obtain Neutral Armor the first time you enter a Light Capsule. After that, you will be able to choose Neutral Armor on the Player Select screen (You can only obtain Neutral Armor when playing as X.)

BOSSES

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OPTIC SUNFLOWER

*ASSASSIN FROM THE DEPTHS
OF OUTER SPACE*

This Reploid controls the Cyber Training Terminals that train the new generation Reploids.

GRAVITY ANTONION

TWISTER OF SPACE AND TIME

Head researcher at the anti-gravity lab. Possessing AI that has been heavily boosted to control the research equipment, it is extremely intelligent.

AVALANCHE YETI

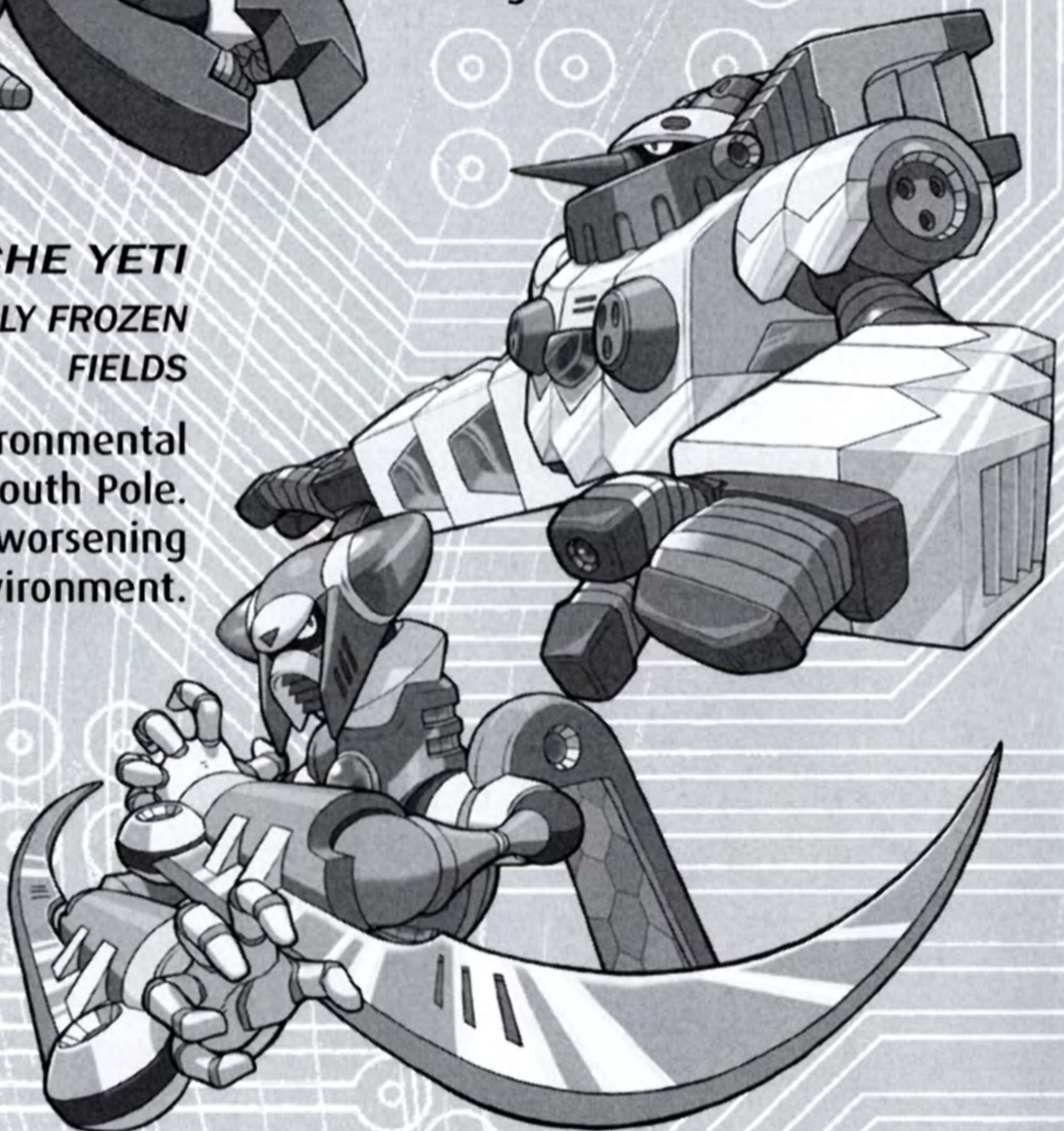
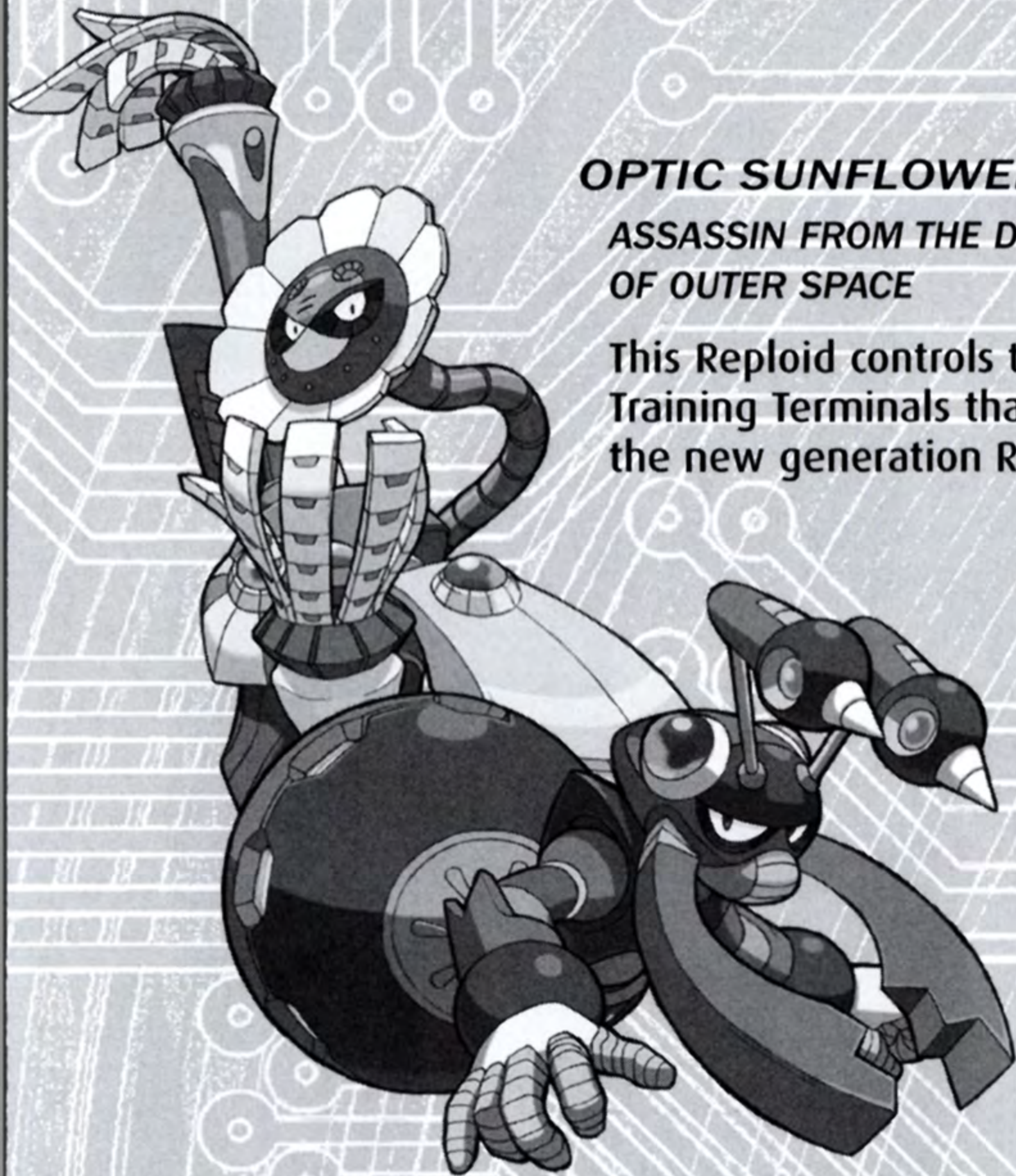
*GUARDIAN OF THE ETERNALLY FROZEN
FIELDS*

Administrator of the Environmental Testing Center at the South Pole. Troubled by the ever-worsening environment.

DARK MANTIS

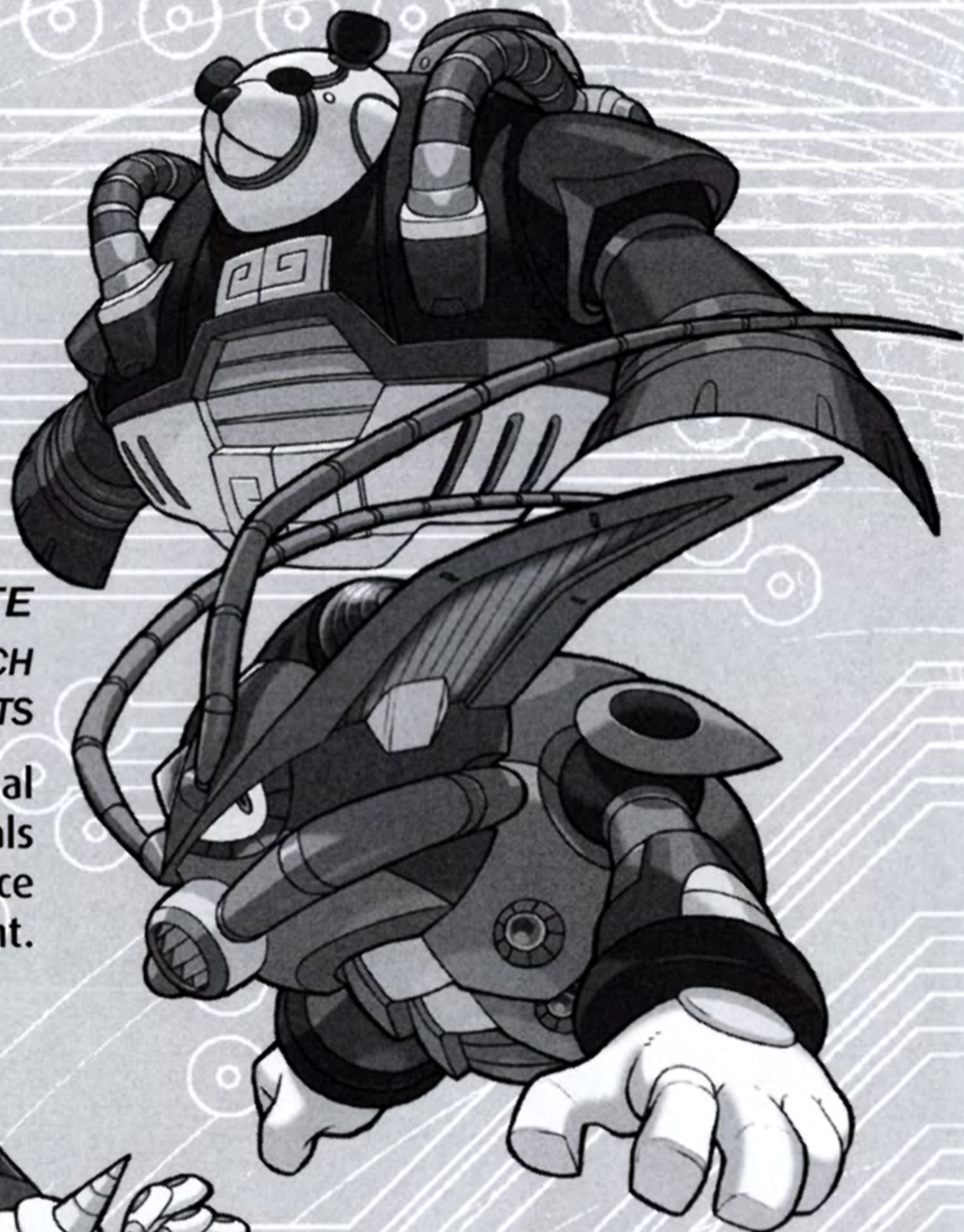
*DEADLY BLADE LURKING
IN DARKNESS*

Reploid in charge of security at an underground army logistics base. Can function in complete darkness.

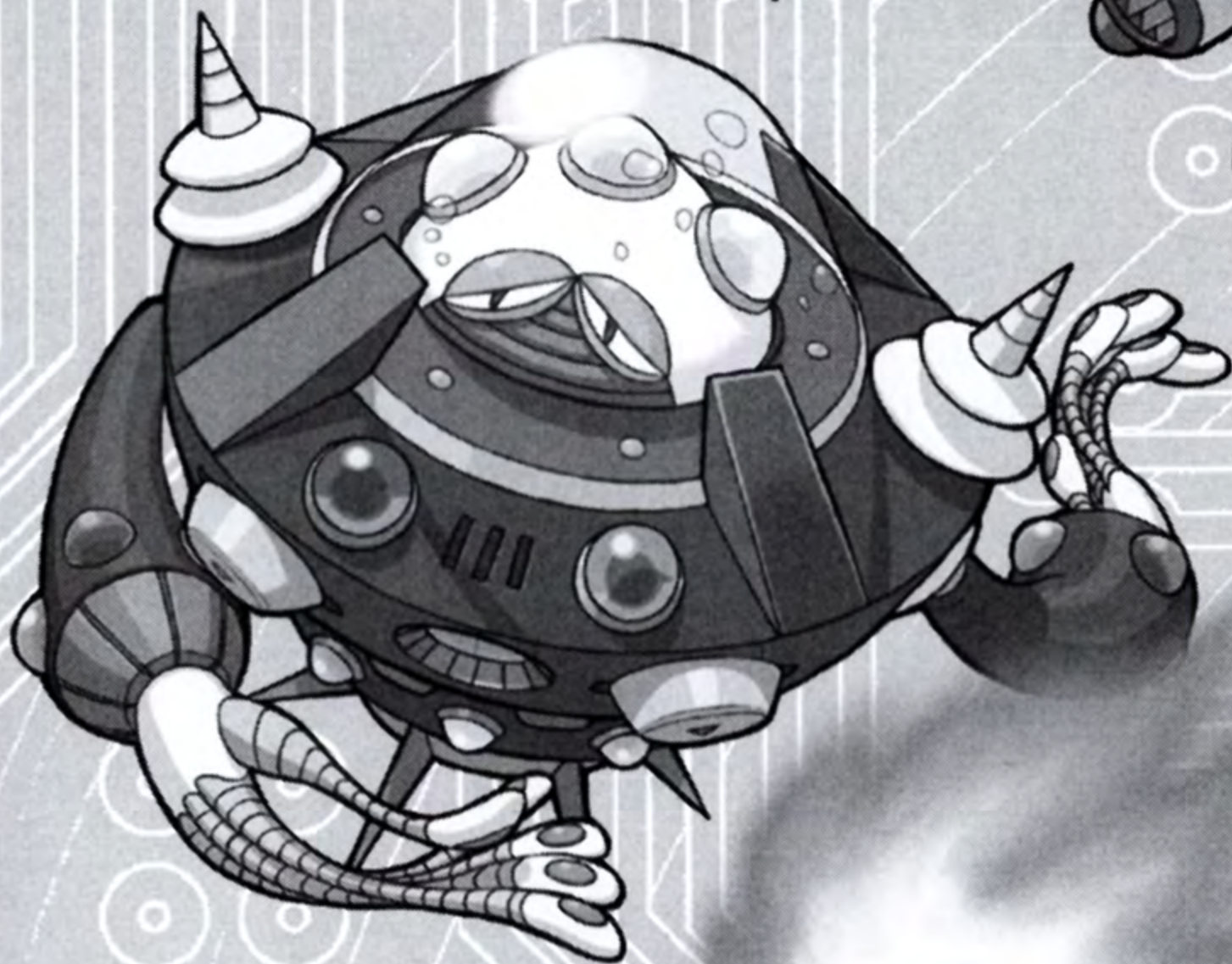


BAMBOO PANDAMONIUM**FALLEN GIANT OF THE FOREST**

Once in charge of handling materials for outer-space development, now spends time deep in thought in the forest of an abandoned asteroid.

**EARTHROCK TRILOBITE****INSECT INHABITING RICH
MINERAL DEPOSITS**

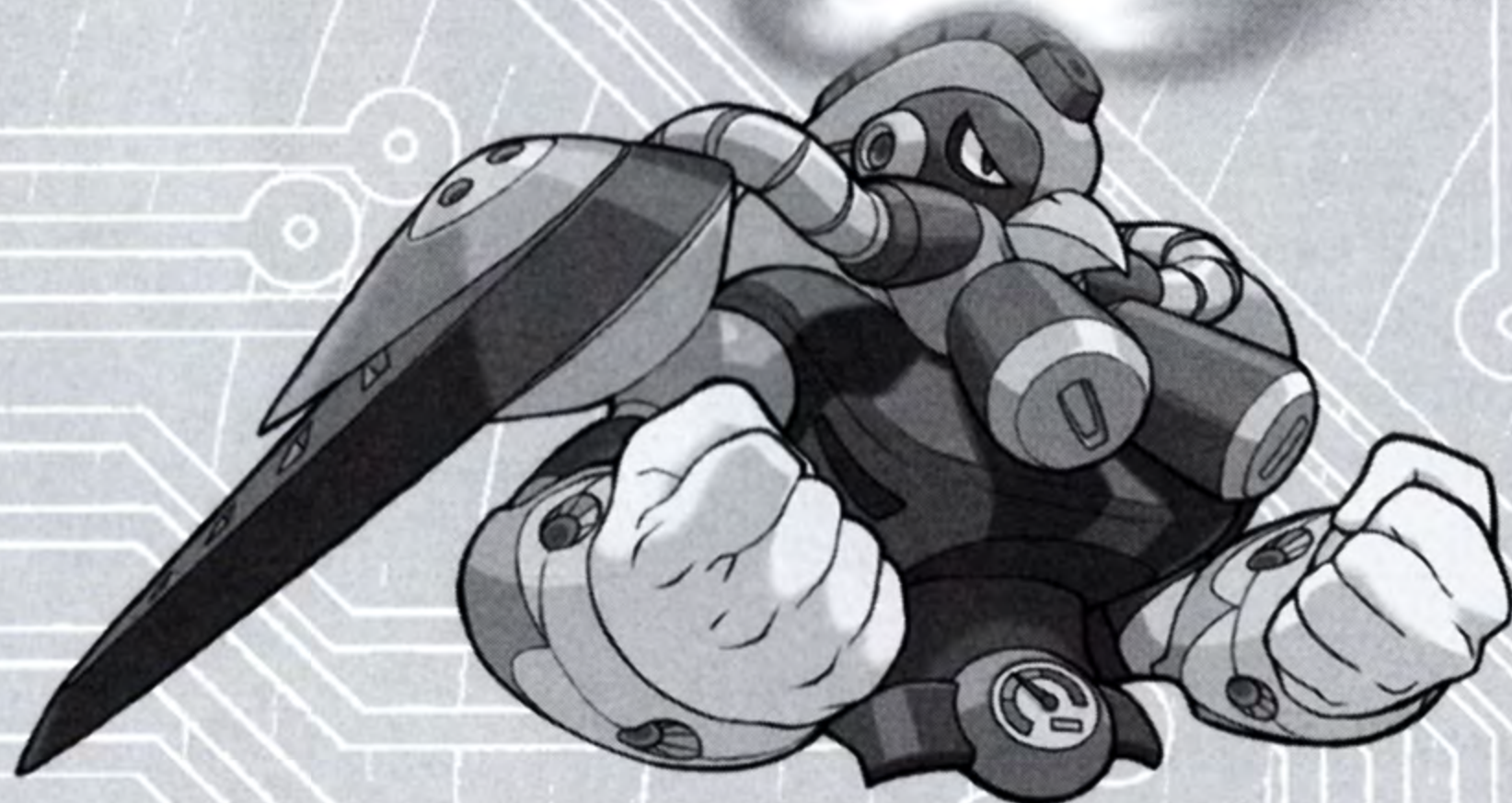
This Reploid carries out the crucial duty of mining Rare Metals needed for outer-space development.

**GIGAVOLT MAN-O-WAR****HIGH VOLTAGE DRIFTER**

Works supplying energy to the city. Not very active, but that's the nature of the job.

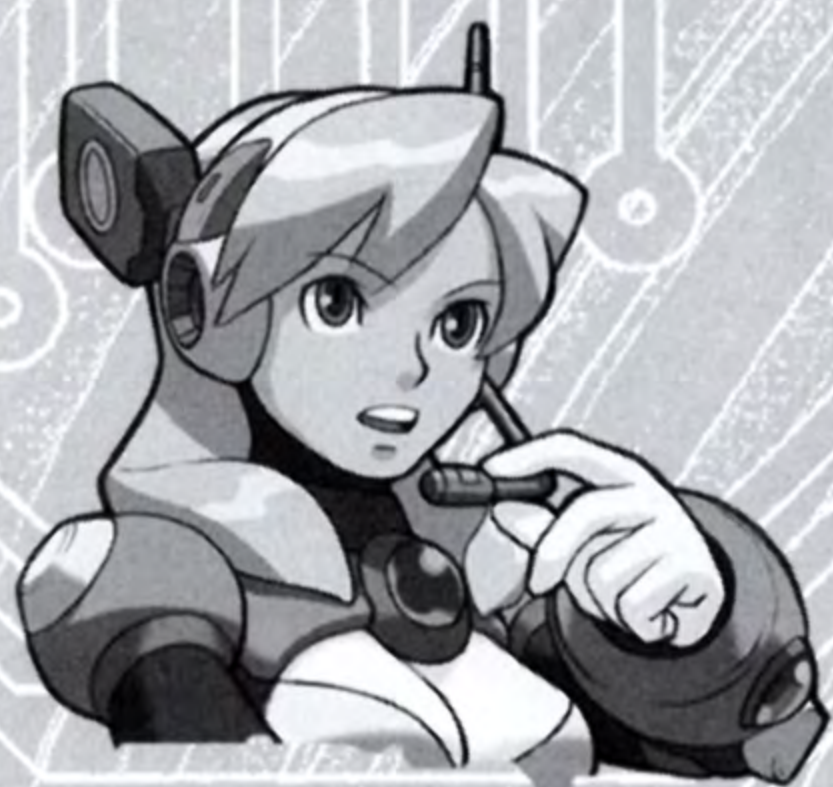
BURN ROOSTER**WHITE-HOT FOWL**

Works at a facility in a volcano, using the natural heat to burn waste. Highly-resistant to heat and adept at using fire.



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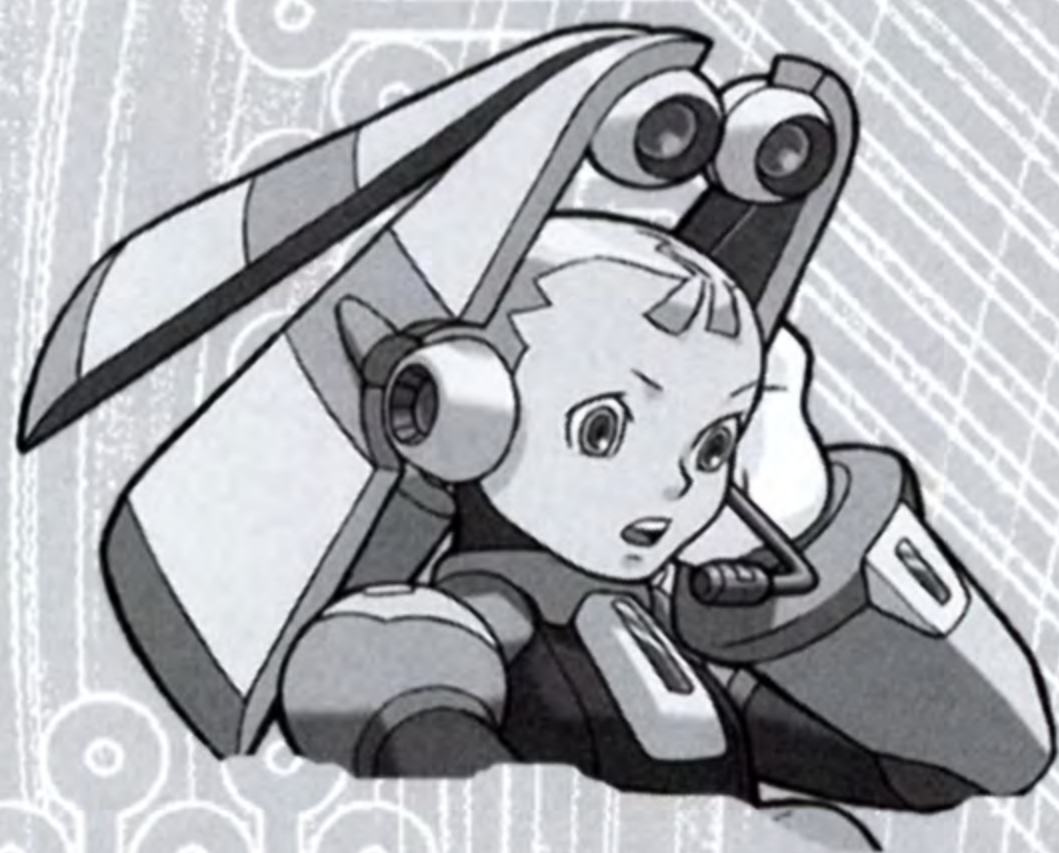


TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHANGING CHARACTERS!

There are times when your Life Energy Gauge turns red when you take damage from an enemy, right? This is called your Recovery Gauge and you can fill it back up while on standby. When you have energy in your Recovery Gauge, switch characters to build your health back up.

WHEN YOUR COMBO COUNTER INCREASES...

As you hit enemies multiple times, your Combo Counter increases. Apparently this Combo Counter has a big effect on the amount of Metals you'll find. So if you want to score a lot of Metals, rack up as many Combos as you can.



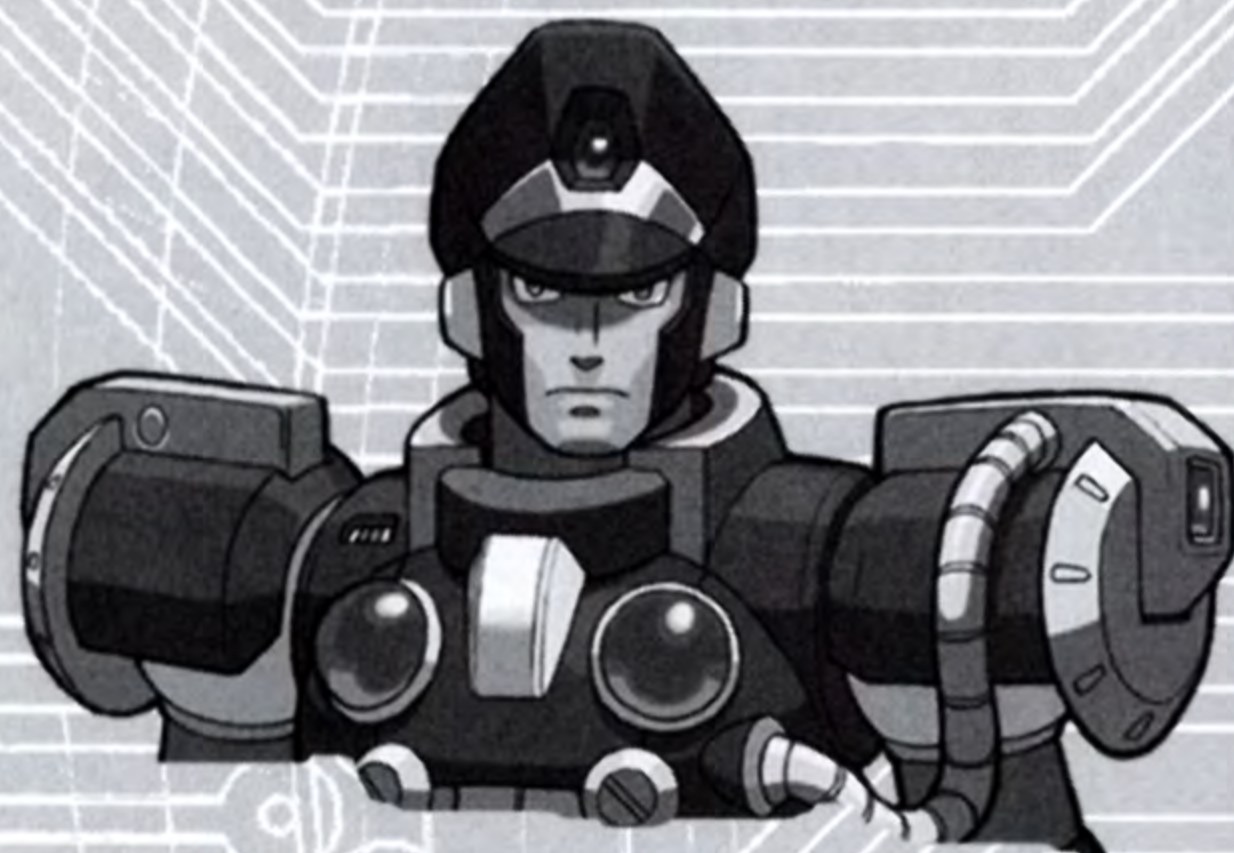
NAVIGATOR FUNCTIONS

Each of us Navigators has our own specialty. If you get stuck somewhere, try changing Navigators and you just may get some hints to help you get through.

By the way, my personal specialty is finding hidden shortcuts!

USE TAG ASSIST!

I'm sure you know by now that you need to call for rescue if you get trapped by the enemy. It's much faster than trying to break free on your own, and it can also help you defeat the enemy more quickly, making it a great co-op move. The key to finishing missions is figuring out the best way to use both characters!



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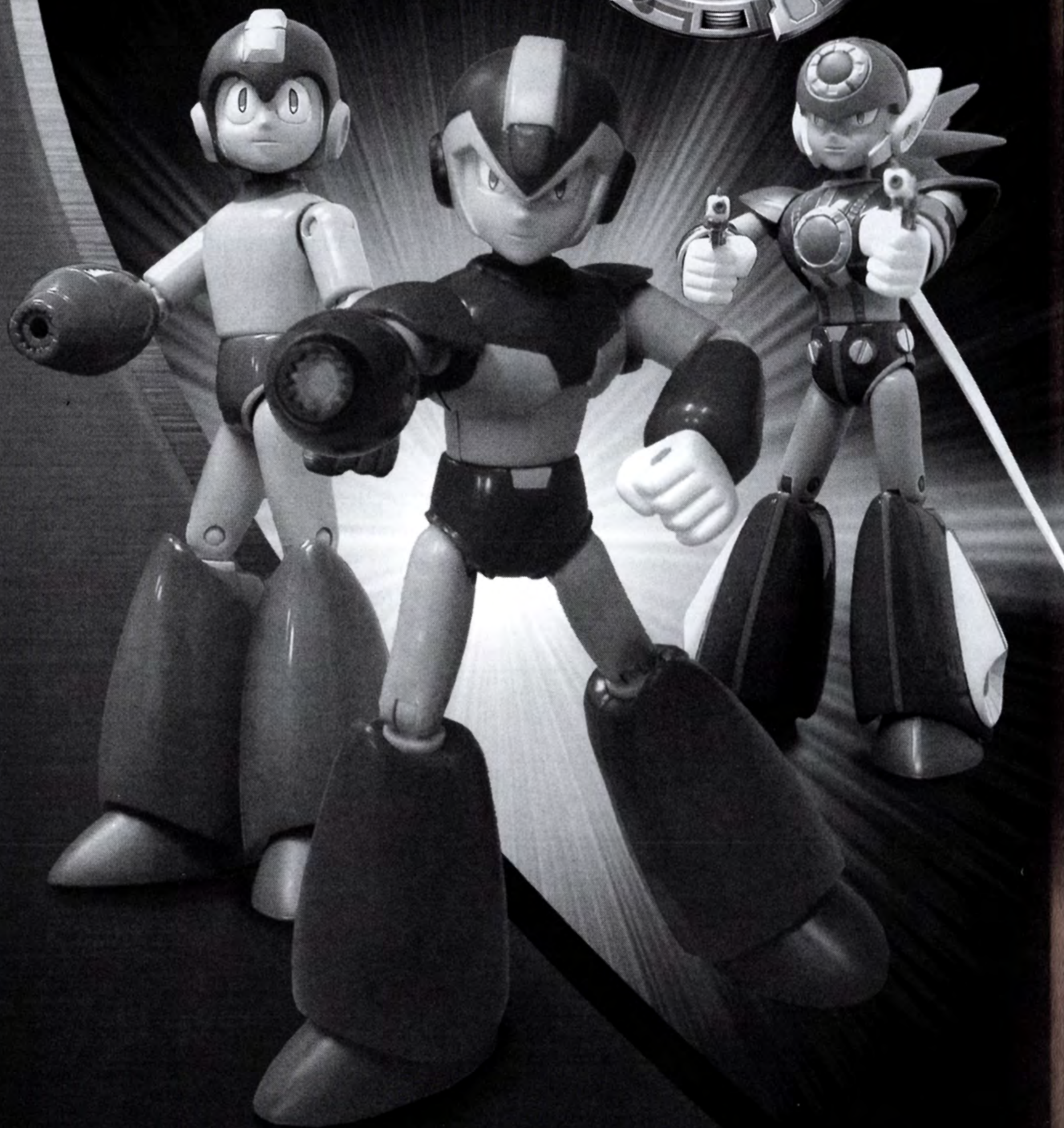
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